

The only statutory provision relating to the practice of naturopathy ever passed in the State of California was Chapter 276, Statutes 1909, which required the Board of Medical Examiners to endorse certificates that had been issued by the Board of Examiners of the Association of Naturopaths of California without the requirement that the holder of such certificate should present any educational qualifications to the Board.

Under this amendment the Board was required to endorse some 103 certificates which had previously been issued by the Naturopathic Association of California. Such a naturopathic certificate was not valid in the State of California unless signed and sealed in 1909 by the then president and secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners, and said endorsement must have been made within the time required in the law.

Several ineffective attempts have been made in the past several years to pass a naturopathic law in this state.

Very truly yours,

C. B. PINKHAM, M. D.,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

CC George H. Kress, M. D., Secretary, C.M.A.

### Concerning California Law in re: Graduates of Foreign Medical Schools

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Sacramento, California,  
August 20, 1942.

Subject: Yours of August 6th re: ———, M.D.,  
Foreign medical school graduate.

Dr. ———,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Doctor:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter written in behalf of Dr. ———.

You undoubtedly are unaware of the statute passed by the 1941 legislature which exacted additional requirements of graduates of foreign medical schools.

The 1935 statute (Section 10) exacted that the foreign medical school graduate "must file evidence satisfactory to the Board that he has served at least one year in residence in a hospital located in the United States, approved by the Board for internship." Additional statutory requirements were exacted by the 1941 legislature.

Dr. ——— was familiar with these requirements. However, when he filed his application for written examination, he failed to produce evidence that he had fulfilled the requirements of the law. Although Dr. ——— showed residence in one of the State hospitals, none of the State hospitals is approved for the training of interns. Hence, he did not fulfil the statutory requirements. We regret Dr. ——— did not fulfil the statutory requirements; however, we have no suggestions to offer in this regard, as the Board of Medical Examiners administers the law only as passed by the legislature of this State.

Permit us to state that the records indicate that Dr. ——— has been in the State of California for a period of over two years. Sometime ago he was advised regarding the statutory requirements of graduates of foreign medical schools. During the period of his connection with the State hospitals he must have had sufficient time to train qualified practitioners of medicine in said hospitals so that they are able to administer scientifically the *insulin shock treatment*.

Awaiting your further pleasure, believe me,

Very truly yours,

C. B. PINKHAM, M. D.,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

### Concerning Shortage of Nurses in California

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Board of Nurse Examiners

Sacramento, California, September 9, 1942.

To the Editor.—We are enclosing a copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Nurse Examiners at its meeting, September 3rd, 1942, in connection with the emergency regulations for the registering of out-of-state nurses.

Sincerely,  
BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS,  
By Kathryn Cafferty, R.N.

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DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL  
STANDARDS, BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS

At a meeting of the Board of Nurse Examiners on September 4, 1942, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The state of National War Emergency is creating a serious shortage of nursing personnel in the United States of America and which has resulted in an acute problem in California, and,

WHEREAS, The present situation in California is erroneously attributed to the standards set by the Nursing Practice Act, and,

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Board of Nurse Examiners to be helpful and to do all within their power to meet the nursing problems of the emergency; be it

Resolved, That the Board of Nurse Examiners does adopt, for the emergency, the following policy:

Out-of-state nurses who do not meet the total requirement for registration in California, but who are graduates of an accredited school in another state and who hold current registration in another state, shall be admitted to examination in California providing they comply with the preliminary requirements of the Board of Nurse Examiners; be it further

Resolved, That the applications of out-of-state nurses, graduates of accredited schools of nursing in another state and not registered in that state, will continue to be evaluated by the Board of Nurse Examiners, as previously, on an individual and professional basis; be it further

Resolved, That this policy has been established as an emergency measure and these rulings are not to be construed as precedents to be followed after the war.

BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS.

### Concerning Article on Malpractice Insurance by Louis J. Regan, M. D.

The fourth article in a series appearing in the Editorial Comment department of C. and W. M., will appear in the November issue. G.H.K.

### Concerning Relief to American Prisoners in Japan (COPY)

To the Editor.—Will you kindly publish the following item in the next issue of your JOURNAL, and oblige.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) JOHN F. MARTIN.

The following resolution, as formulated by the Military Members in Service Committee of the Commonwealth Club of California, and approved by its Board of Governors, was adopted by the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Military Order of the World War at its recent meeting. Major General Paul B. Malone, Commander of the local Chapter, states that this resolution is a laudable presentation of a humanitarian intention of those who belong to such organizations as the Commonwealth Club to do all they can to aid the men and women who are fighting and dying for our protection, as members of the armed forces of our Army and Navy, on the battle fronts in the present Global War.